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April 2, 1924

My dear Robinson

Thank you for your good intent and well-wishing. Hazel is now on the way to recovery. She had a pretty hard time a bad case of Appendicitis. I was worried to death. She will be in the hospital a week or two more. I went out last Thursday to see Dr Rendall. He is in bad shape, I do not expect him to be out of the house again. In my judgment anything may happen at any time. I had a talk with Rinaka He is pretty cheerful, does not want any one

in the faculty just at the head of the institution. Thinks such an act would be jealous. Had a phone message from Hawley this morning. He said that he had spent two days yesterday and Sunday with his father, and said he wanted to see me, so I am to meet Hawley Friday of this week. I do not know what he has in mind. I saw Stone last week he wants me to come to Lincoln and visit Jenkins Class. Hodge is back apparently well and is raising thunder over the Board's interference during his absence in the way of putting Jenkins out and allowing him to teach Biology. He says he has a right to listen to what students may say. I examined a

student the other week taught by Davis. He seem
more about the Sacraments as taught by Davis than
any man I have examined for years. Davis
is a bone teacher. Steele says Davis is weaker
than Green. I told McCartney I would rather that
place. I think that he wants it - although he
spoke of the need of some one to teach the fellows
how to teach Theology. I think that he would
a chair connected with the Systematic Depart-
ment. But I believe that he will take the Apologetics.
I do not think Steele wants him, and I am
not sure that McKeen and Hodge will not oppose

Moderators & Electors. They say he can't read foreign languages. Patton said, it is surprising how much clear thinking a person can do in one language. Steve thinks Smith is pretty good. As before we can elect him, we will have to get Smith out. George Thurm seems popular. I spent a Sunday in Pittsburgh. Mart was a wonderful work. The celebration of his 25th anniversary is going to be the biggest thing Pittsburgh ever had. They are having a tremendous battle in the Presbytery there. Max Evans not very active. Mark Arvey, Kerr on the job. They have two tickets in the field for commissioners, & really they almost

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Equally divided. Mack & Mac Evan are both
up for Election. We swept everything in the
Presbytery but Perkins and that was a mere
accident. Howey unanimously hindered our
succeeding in getting home in Northumberland.
Philadelphia has a big battle on McCartney
Mac Lennan, Ward, Laird, Cuthbertson and some
one else. It will be a hard fight to elect them.
I am surprised that Mackie succeeded at Northumberland.
He is the laughing stock of the Presbytery. At the meeting
where the Mac Lennan overture was discussed

both Conservatives and Liberals say he made a perfect dunce of himself. First-thing that all formalities should be avoided. And when the Curtey read extracts from the writings of a certain professor in one of our seminaries. Jo got up and demanded that the name be given, McCarthy said the only reason he withheld the name was because of Wicker Clotture, but would gladly name this professor on request. When they came to vote he demanded that only duly elected delegates to the Society be permitted to vote. And when the vote was taken the pro-Wolvie

that he would proceed civilly and ecclesiastically against any one who went out from that meeting and said he was a liberal because he voted as he did. He then made a motion that the Presbytery express its sympathy with Dally as one a liberal and they hooted & laughed him out of Court. He is about the beggarly one in the ministry. He is of the Richmond Cyfes. I think the Creature is a great

mistake but Mr Lemon said they be
armed for it thought a disaster the attempt
after what Morrill and Best had back
of it. I saw Cochran the day he is happy
and is home to get money to build
a new church. I closed a good year
but as usual am cleared out next
year. Best wishes to you
I will let you know a few lines
Yours truly

401 Hodge Hall
Princeton, N. J.
Mar. 8, 1924

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Your letter to-day indeed brot a welcome surprise. Providing the Board sees fit to accept me, it would be most gratifying to receive my support from your Church if the congregation should decide in my favor. However things turn out, I shall always be grateful to you for even considering me in this way. When the decision of the Board is given I shall let you know what it is.

I am happy to learn that you are the one who is to address us May 4th. I shall look forward to that day with high expectations.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself, I am

Cordially yours,

John T. Lyon

401 Hodge Hall
Princeton, N.J.
Mar.5, 1924

My dear Dr. Robinson,

The sermons which you so kindly reviewed for me arrived safely some time ago. You have given just the type of suggestions that I have been wanting. I did not have quite the time that I wanted to have, or should have had, to work on them, so I flatter myself in believing that some of my productions have been better ones. However, I know that you have well uncovered my weaknesses. Assistance such as you have given I prize highly, for we in no way receive enough individual attention. I feel that your constructive criticism comes to being the nearest to what I stand in need of, of any thing that I have ever had.

For some time I have wanted to write you to explain certain things in which I am confident that you have an interest. As you undoubtedly know, about the first of the year the problem as to Miss Hoyman's return from Egypt solved itself when her Board advised her to come home. This was done we were told because of the fact that we were both planning to go to the foreign field some place, if possible. They were even most considerate as to the matter of finances. I met Miss Hoyman in Boston and went with her to her home in Iowa. She firmly believes that just at present her place is at home, for her Mother is sick and the call for her services seems to be imperative. In as much as we are both Volunteers, pledged to do all we can towards going to some foreign field we have felt that we should make application to another Board. From the conversations that I have had with you I presume that you may not exactly approve of the application that I have made. However, we have attempted to consider the matter thoroughly. After all I do not know what else to do than to get information from addresses and interviews and the after coming to a decision to act as seems to me to be best. If there are any considerations that I have not properly weighed, any flaws in my reasoning I am perfectly willing to have them pointed out by any one. It has seemed to me that regardless of what certain members of a Board may at heart believe that if they are willing to send out a man that is going to propagate the orthodox faith that there is need for such a man on the foreign field. If the Church splits he could seek to receive his support from the conservative wing. Accordingly we have applied for work in the South Brazil Mission, or some place in South America, under the Presbyterian Board.

But even if we are accepted I do not see how we can go, for at present it appears that the Board will have no money with which to send us out. I can not expect to receive the decision of the Board until the middle of this month, or the forepart of April. Consequently I find that it is not easy to plan for the future.

This year at the Seminary is proving to be a most profitable one. The study of evolution in a course on the doctrine of man, and a course on Saint Augustine I find to be of the most interest.

In a recent study of a Sunday School lesson I was glad to find a help in your treatment of it as given in the Presbyterian.

Thanking you for your excellent review of my homiletic attempts, I am

Yours very truly,

John T. Lyon

[illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

So soon as have
received your [illegible]
[illegible], have [illegible]
[illegible] for the
[illegible]
[illegible] worth [illegible]
[illegible] side chair
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[illegible]

was quite and deposits a good flap. Dear Dad, you [illegible] you could [illegible] office work. I am so sorry I have [illegible] the doctor, [illegible] six [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] without [illegible]. It does [illegible] not matter now, [illegible] he is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We

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June 15, 1923

The Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Robinson:

[illegible] I am better already. I hope I am going to be all right. Glad that [illegible] of Transition. I had a long talk with Zwemer the other day; Zwemer is conservative. He represents the conservative [illegible] in the Dutch Church. He [illegible] Board, Chairman of Moderator, and he led the movement against ratifying the [illegible] Calvin Seminary by the [illegible] of Systematic Theology at Princeton. He tells me that the Dutchmen at Holland, Michigan is [illegible] to Princeton's position, and he thinks that it would be a good thing if Princeton could [illegible]. I have a letter today from Fox, who is [illegible] the [illegible] of Hartford Seminary. So you have your problem [illegible] dear man. I hope you will solve it wisely.

Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Robinson. Thanks for your interest and prayers. Good luck to me. [illegible]

Will write you frequently. Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

I want to take a horse and buggy
& come to school on next week for another
day or two longer. Get a beautiful
evening world dispatch every time
I go to depot so can be sure of seeing
lady friends.

Give love to my family & tell
them I shall write every
week.

Very fondly yours,
[illegible]

Monday Eve.

My Dear Dr

Well here I am at the H. le Paisteco since I left the Witherspoons but did not want to write till I knew if I would like it or it would suit I might not last but I am still here we have all the Saturdays during July & August and half a day on Saturday the rest of the year but the hours are so long here at 7.30 & close at 5:30. William R has not sent me any word and I do not think he intends to for I know he could give possession in 24 hours if he wanted to.

that we will leave it rest till something else develops.
Mr Bemfle came up for me to keep home for him during June but I had this position and could not leave it thanks to Jm for he said Jm told him about me and that was how ~~that~~ came for me.
I was there tonight to see Mrs Graffin and I am afraid she is not going to recovery better all her right side is paralized the nurse says she is better for she can talk now some and when first taken could not talk at all but she is very much afraid her hand does not respond to the treatment but she seems cheerful with it all. Well Dr We are writing

He collade at Accomtiby in fact had it rented and the check here out the people who are taking it ~~the mama~~ had mind the mother was very sick in Chicago and had to Countermand the renting and send back the check so we are in hopes he will hear it rented this week the agent all has been holding the rents very high which has been a mistake for they have had to fall in price in a great many cases I am one of them if I had used my own judgment I would have had it rented but hope for the best.
Era has her vacation on the 18th of August and as our place close for the 13th till the 20th I will take two weeks a Friend of Gertrude

Mrs Leslie Jenkins has invited us to her home at Bernardsville New Jersey it is about 2½ miles outside of Bridgeton a Farm which I think will do us all a great deal of good.
How is Bunny Stewart Ann & the kiddies I suppose they are all with him this summer and looking fine tell Bunny she owes me a letter. I called to see the Alexanders they are going for the month of August to Northfield Mr Alexander is having a serious time with his ~~eyes~~ eyes he cannot read at all so I know what that means to him Well I think this is all the news this time Era Gertrude send their Love for with Love

Mary

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Rev. W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your letter of Mch 8th to Mrs. Leitch has just been acted upon by the Committee and our conclusion is that we want to hear you preach.

They instructed me to write you and ask if you could preach in some church here in Philada (not our own) on April 8th? We will arrange with the Church.

Our plan is that no candidate shall preach in our church until the Committee have heard all prospects in other churches and we are a unit on one man. Then this man who is the choice of the Committee will be asked to preach in our church. Then a congregational meeting will be held promptly and this man either accepted or rejected by our people. There will be no contest. If the choice of the

Committee is rejected by the people, the Committee will look further and present another ~~man~~ man until one is chosen.

In your letter you suggested that Mr. Deiver of Calvary Church might arrange for you to preach there on May. 6th. If you cannot come for April 8th we will wait until May. 6th but hope to come to a decision in April if possible.

I hope for a prompt reply.

You understand that if you come on April 8th we will pay your expenses.

We are praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this matter.

Sincerely yours
Ross Thurston.

Presbyterian Church
Burlington, New Jersey

Feb. 15th.

My Dear Robinson,

I thought I would send a line of appreciation of the splendid articles you are writing in the "Presbyterian" on the Sunday School lessons. Keep right on. Think not it is a small thing - Remember the copies go everywhere & are helping teachers & elders & mothers everywhere to keep up their taste for the pure milk of the Word. May God plentifully endow us by His Spirit

with faith & love & patience to
keep right on delivering the
goods from our conservative
point of view, — the only one that
gets the real milk & honey of the Word!
As I compare your articles with what
Cleland McAfee writes for the "West-
minster Teacher", I feel that he is
as cold as ice & as dry as chopped
straw. Many times have I felt like
urging Dr. Faris to cut him out of
that job. The heart of the truth is lacking
in his output. You do not need to
answer this. It is just a brotherly word of cheer.

Yours truly Frank Lukens.

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October 17-1922

My dear Robinson:

They had a great old time in Philadelphia Presbytery yesterday, so far as I can understand. I was going through the League about one o'clock, and met Bolton, Boggs, and MacColl. Boggs and Bolton locked daggers at me, MacColl stopped, shook hands, and invited me to come to Presbytery. He said that he would see to it that I was admitted, though it was to be an Executive Session. Of course I did not go. But I preached last night for Lonsinger, at the opening of his new Church, and there were there Werner, Paynter, and the new man at Trinity, and they told me that the Presbytery Meeting was the worst performance that they had ever witnessed; personalities, accusations, all sorts of parlimentary trickery were kept up the whole after-noon. The prodeedings began by McCartney changing the language some what, substituting the word preserving, for restoring, making the sentence read, preserving the confidence of the Church. Bolton immediatley got the floor and after a great harangue, moved to lay the paper on the table. This was promptly voted down. MacCallum then spoke for over an hour, harangued about everything on earth, demanded that McCartney read to the Presbytery a reply that Fosdick had written to a letter that McCartney addressed to him. McCartney consented to do it on the ground that he be given fiveminutes to reply to Fosdick's letter. Among other things that these young fellows could remember of the letter was that Fosdick said, his recognition of the authority of the Bible was just like his recognition of the authority of his Mother, when he was a child. The debate proceeding with bitterness and acrimony. Hill and Blair acted like crazy men, Reinke, next to McCartney, was by far the ablest man on the McCartney side, although Allis, and Hyndman, and Herrick, and Massey, did good service. MacColl, made the most forceful speech against it, but was gentlemanly throughout. McCartney, the preceeding week had sent out notes to eight or ten of his supposed friends to meet with him to counsel with him. One of these traitors gave MacCallum the note he received, and MacCallum as a final card, jumped up before Presbytery, read the note, and accused McCartney of sneaking around and trying to influence men. Immediately Reinke and Kennedy demanded of MacCallum, if he had not talked to certain men about this, and MacCallum had to admit that he had. After the debate had gone on for two hours, Fulton got hold of McCartney and got him to consent to address the paper to the General Assembly, as an overture, rahter than to New York Presbytery, as a friendly communication. Blair and Boggs in their speeches had both said that this was the way to proceed, and so at 6:30 the debate having gone on from 1:30, the vote was taken; the overture was passed by a vote of 74 to 23. The men defeated were mad as bulls, and all entered their protests, demanded that their names be recorded, and then it was resolved that the account of the proceedings should be given to the Religious Press, and Kennedy is going to publish the names of all protestants, he says that the way to kill these fellows is to bring them out into the sun light. This is the account of the Meeting as I got it. I believe that the battle is on. Brownson, Swain, Mackie, and I understand Curry, all dodged the Meeting. Kennedy told me yesterday morning that these men are much more to be feared than men like MacColl. John Rendall phoned that he was going to call

a Meeting of the Board next week. So I presume that I will see you at that time.

Very cordially yours,

Thos F Kant

JANE LAW LACHLAN
SECRETARY

WHITEMARSH HALL
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October
Third
1922.

Dr. & Mrs. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

My dear friends:

Since my return my time has been more than full getting my new suite in order, and now that I have returned to my regulat post of duty, I have the first opportunity of expressing at least in some degree our appreciation of your delightful hospitality.

Mrs. Burnham and I had a most enjoyable trip from start to finish, but as we told you, no part of it had given us the pleasure we had visiting with you. Your good old fashioned home with its antiques, to say nothing of its "homey" atmosphere, was most refreshing.

Our visit to Watkins, as well as the trip over was fine, and my niece and her children were overjoyed to have us. We left there on Sunday afternoon staying over night at Binghamton. From there we motored right down to New York staying over night at the Pennsylvania, and came on home on Tuesday after a little shopping in New York.

I can never tell you the joy I had in "gossiping". As you know, I can talk to few people, and since Mr. Fouse's death I believe I have never had such an opportunity as the Doctor and I had during our little visit.

I do hope you can both visit with me when you come to Philadelphia. This is not a perfunctory invitation. It is real. I could even put you up for the night, so when you come, either single or double, do let me know and if you cannot stay over night, do have a meal with me, as you must know, situated as I am, when "fodder" is low, but there is always enough for a makeshift, and my feeling for you is such that I would even offer you a makeshift, which we only do to those we are really fond of.

Many thanks for the pleasure you gave us, and hoping to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jane L.

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